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First Named Applicant: Bell

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTHORIZED
COMPRESSION OF DIGITIZED MUSIC

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN CPA IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Declaration:

Please substitute the enclosed inventor's declaration, correcting the serial number, for the original declaration. The enclosed attorney's declaration attests to why only one of two inventors has signed the enclosed inventor's declaration.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

21. A computer program storage device including a program of instructions for determining whether a request to compress and record digitized music should be honored, the program of instructions undertaking method acts comprising: